

Our Purpose

To examine Arizona Special Education State Board 401 rules, to propose rules that are clear, instructive, and aligned to the IDEA, and to provide guidance for implementation.

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Our Group Norms

- We engage in active listening
- We seek to understand
- We strive for a collective impact
- We honor the communication plan
- We support working for the greater good
- Our communication is timely and accurate
- We use rubrics to evaluate our work
- We need to learn and "unlearn"
- Reflection is critical to our success

Consensus--A two tiered approach:

The Core Team will work toward unanimous consensus on every issue. If not an unanimous consensus the group will use a supermajority vote (11/13).

Rule Committee – Core Team

April 24, 2015 Communiqué

Core Team Attendees: Kim Peaslee, Lorrane McPherson, Kris Hartsuff, Wendy Collison, Craig Carter, Christopher Tiffany, Heidi Sinkovic, Kristina Blackledge, Beth Conran, Angela Denning

ADE Support Staff: William McQueary, Maura Mall

Meeting Location: ADE at 3300 N. Central

You've got to think about big things while you're doing small things, so that all the small things go in the right direction.

GOAL for Today: Complete definitions recommendations for proposed Rule and set the agenda for the large group meeting on 5/8/15.

What we did:

- Reviewed the comments and suggestions for the prior work to review all references to definitions and categorized them as needing to be in rule or in guidance.
- We engaged in extensive discussion of current common practices and procedures in LEAs as well as input from Monitoring in conjunction with IDEA, State statute, and current Rule to determine which definitions to maintain, further clarify or add in rule or a guidance document.

What we learned:

- We learned that consultation has taken place with the office of the Executive Director of the State Board of Education about the format and process for moving forward when the work on the proposed rule is complete. The recommendations are that the proposals be reformatted to the standard rule change format and be vetted first by district and parent attorneys, and consulting legal experts working in the field and then be vetted by all stakeholders.
- We learned about the distinction between qualified personnel as providers of specially designed instruction and certification requirements.
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What we accomplished.

- We developed a list of terms and definitions to be added to Rule.
- We reviewed and deleted definitions from Rule and delegated relevant definitions to the Guidance Document.
- We completed the planning and preparation for the large group meeting on 5/8/15.
- We completed the proposed rule language recommendation for
- We reissued the invitation to the field to provide input on discipline via the following survey:

SURVEY LINK:

Please click the following link to participate in this survey regarding discipline. We look forward to hearing from you!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1EnQ2TX_JTNdR7xuGL-k1CrzrdK501Z-o6BpBO_H983A/viewform?usp=send_form

Next Steps:

- The committee created a list of terms to be forwarded to the AG's office for clarification under any Arizona statute.
- The Rule areas still to be completed are Evaluation – SLD, Early Childhood, Discipline,
- The next large group meeting will be 5/8/15 from 9:30 – Noon at ADE on Osborn and will be soliciting comments from participants on all the changes to date.
- The next meeting of the committee will be 5/8/15 starting at 8:30 am at ADE on Osborn.

Notes:

**Rule Making Core Committee
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We Want to Hear from You!

The committee is seeking input on Discipline by sending your comments to the ESS Inbox below or via survey link above.

Please send your comments to AZBoardRuleCommitteeInBox@azed.gov . We look forward to hearing from the community at large, Key Advisors and Extended Partners on our work to date and future agenda items. These documents along with key documents are posted on the website under Director's Corner at: <http://www.azed.gov/special-education/>